Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("———") or brackets ("[[ ]]"), as is applicable:

1.   (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

creating at the designer location a print job to be printed by the print service provider location;

creating a job ticket at the designer location that specifies production devices of the print service provider to be used to process said print job and processing instructions for the print service provider location;

creating a press ready file at the designer location ~~using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location~~ that encompasses both said print job and said job ticket;

submitting said press ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network;

a preflight module at the print service provider location automatically opening said press ready file and automatically interpreting said job ticket, said preflight module further automatically verifying, ~~at said print service provider location,~~ relative to said job

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ticket, that said ~~press ready file~~ print job will ~~print~~ be produced at said print service

provider location as ~~designed~~ intended at the designer location: ~~and, if not,~~

said preflight module automatically correcting said press ready file to ensure

~~printing~~ processing substantially as ~~designed~~ intended; and

performing automated ~~finishing~~ processing of said print job at the print service

provider location using, ~~if created,~~ said corrected press ready file, ~~else using said~~

~~verified press ready file~~.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim

1, wherein said step of automatically verifying, ~~at said print service provider location,~~

further comprises performing automated remote finishing setup.

4.   (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim

1, wherein said step of automated finishing is performed ~~and wherein~~ by an automated

finishing device ~~is used to~~ that finishes said ~~printed output~~ print job in accordance with

finishing instructions ~~in said press ready file~~ contained within said job ticket.

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5.   (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 1, wherein said step of correcting includes reading finishing instructions contained in said job ticket ~~prepared at the designer location~~ and preparing appropriate corresponding instructions for ~~an actual~~ a finishing device to be used at the print service provider location.

6.   (Currently amended) A method of managing workflow according to claim 5, wherein said step of correcting further comprising updating a said job ticket ~~corresponding to said press ready file~~.

7.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said method comprising:

creating at the designer location a print job to be printed by the print service provider location;

creating a job ticket at the designer location that specifies a finishing device of the print service provider to be used to finish said print job and that contains finishing instructions;

an automated preflight module at the designer location automatically establishing a link to the print service provider location and obtaining updated device configuration information from the print service provider location concerning the specified finishing device;

said preflight module automatically confirming that the specified finishing device can finish said print job according to said finishing instructions of said job ticket;

creating a production ready file at the designer location ~~using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location, said production ready file including finishing instructions~~ that encapsulates said print job and said job ticket;

submitting said production ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network; and

~~receiving~~ generating a printed output of said ~~production ready file~~ print job and finishing said printed output ~~at a~~ with the specified finishing device at the print service provider location in accordance with said finishing instructions from said ~~production ready file~~ job ticket.

8.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing according to claim 7, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of automatically verifying, at said print service provider location, that said ~~production ready file~~ print job will be produced at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location and, if not, correcting said production ready file, including said finishing instructions of said job ticket, to ensure production substantially as designed.

9.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing according to claim 8, wherein said step of correcting further comprises automatically reading said finishing instructions prepared at the designer location and preparing appropriate corresponding instructions for an actual the specified finishing device to be used at the print service provider location.

10.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing according to claim 8, wherein said step of correcting further comprises automatically adding finishing instructions for an actual the specified finishing device to be used at the print service provider location to supplement said finishing instructions prepared at the designer location contained in said job ticket.

11.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing according to claim 8, wherein said method further comprises automatically sending an indication of the an operational status of the specified finishing device to a server computer at said the print service provider location.

12.   (Currently amended) A method of performing automated finishing according to claim 8, wherein said method further comprises automatically sending an indication of the a job completion status of the specified finishing device to a server computer at said the print service provider location.

13-14. (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended) A <u>computer-readable medium that stores a</u> program product for performing automated finishing in a commercial printing environment including a designer location and a print service provider location, said product comprising machine-readable program code for causing, when executed, a machine to perform the following method steps:

<u>creating at the designer location a print job to be printed by the print service provider location;</u>

<u>creating a job ticket at the designer location that specifies a finishing device of the print service provider to be used to finish said print job and that contains finishing instructions;</u>

<u>automatically establishing a link to the print service provider location and obtaining updated device configuration information from the print service provider location concerning the specified finishing device;</u>

<u>automatically confirming that the specified finishing device can finish said print job according to said finishing instructions of said job ticket;</u>

creating a production ready file at the designer location ~~using updated device configuration information from the print service provider location, said production ready file including finishing instructions~~ <u>that encapsulates said print job and said job ticket</u>;

submitting said production ready file to the print service provider location via an electronic network; and

~~receiving~~ <u>generating</u> a printed output of said ~~production-ready file~~ <u>print job</u> and finishing said printed output ~~at a~~ <u>with the specified</u> finishing device in accordance with <u>said</u> finishing instructions from said ~~production-ready file~~ <u>job ticket</u>.

16.   (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ <u>computer-readable medium</u> according to claim 15, wherein after said step of submitting, said method further comprises a step of <u>automatically</u> verifying, at said print service provider location, that said ~~production-ready file~~ <u>print job</u> will be produced at said print service provider location as designed at the designer location and, if not, correcting said production ready file, including said finishing instructions <u>of said job ticket</u>, to ensure production substantially as designed.

17.   (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ <u>computer-readable medium</u> according to claim 16, wherein said step of correcting further comprises <u>automatically</u> reading <u>said</u> finishing instructions ~~prepared at the designer location~~ and preparing appropriate corresponding instructions for ~~an actual~~ <u>the specified</u> finishing device to be used at the print service provider location.

18.   (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ <u>computer-readable medium</u> according to claim 16, wherein said step of correcting further comprises <u>automatically</u> adding finishing instructions for ~~an actual~~ <u>the specified</u> finishing device to be used at the print service provider location to supplement <u>said</u> finishing instructions ~~prepared at the designer location~~ <u>contained in said job ticket</u>.

19.   (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 16, wherein said method further comprises automatically sending an indication of ~~the~~ an operational status of the specified finishing device to a server computer at ~~said~~ the print service provider location.

20.   (Currently amended) A ~~program product~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 16, wherein said method further comprises automatically sending an indication of ~~the~~ a job completion status of the specified finishing device to a server computer at ~~said~~ the print service provider location.

21-23. (Canceled)

24.   (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein automatically verifying comprises automatically ensuring that instructions needed to process said print job are contained in said press ready file.

25.   (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein automatically verifying comprises automatically checking to see if the specified production devices are in fact available.

26.   (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein automatically verifying comprises automatically checking for any errors associated with said press ready file that would prevent said print job from being processed as intended.